

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend section 44939 of title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements regarding training to operate aircraft, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS REGARD-**  
4       **ING TRAINING TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT.**

5       (a) ALIENS COVERED BY WAITING PERIOD.—Sub-  
6       section (a) of section 44939 of title 49, United States  
7       Code, is amended—

8               (1) by striking “any aircraft having a maximum  
9       certificated takeoff weight of 12,500 pounds or  
10      more” and inserting “an aircraft”; and

1           (2) by inserting before “or to any other indi-  
2       vidual” the following: “who has not earned an Fed-  
3       eral Aviation Administration-type rating in an air-  
4       craft and does not hold a current pilot’s certificate  
5       from an aviation authority recognized by the Inter-  
6       national Civil Aviation Organizations (CAO) to fly  
7       an aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff  
8       weight of 12,500 pounds or more”.

9       (b) COVERED TRAINING.—Subsection (c) of section  
10   44939 is amended—

11           (1) by striking “For the purposes of subsection  
12       (a)” and inserting:

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection  
14       (a)”;

15           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
16       paragraph:

17           “(2) EXCEPTION.—For the purposes of sub-  
18       section (a), training does not include classroom in-  
19       struction (also known as ground training), which  
20       may be provided to an alien during the 45-day pe-  
21       riod applicable to the alien under that subsection.”.

22       (c) PROCEDURES AND FORMS FOR SUBMITTAL OF  
23   INFORMATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of  
24   the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall pre-  
25   scribe procedures for the submittal by aliens of notice to

1 the Attorney General under section 44939(a)(1) of title  
2 49, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a),  
3 including the form or forms of identification required by  
4 the Attorney General under that section.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect 60 days after the  
7 date the Attorney General prescribes procedures under  
8 subsection (c).

9 (e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
11 tation and the Attorney General shall jointly submit to  
12 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
13 of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and  
14 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report  
15 on the effectiveness of the activities carried out under sec-  
16 tion 44939 of title 49, United States Code, as amended  
17 by this section, in reducing risks to aviation and national  
18 security.